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MEETING

President Carter with President Jorge Rafael Videla
of Argentina

September 9, 1977 - 9:00 a.m.

Cabinet Room - White House

Checklist and Follow-up Items

1. Videla said that as soon as political conditions permit -- perhaps before the end of the year, Argentina would ratify the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
2. President Carter told Videla the USG would talk to the Cubans about signing the Treaty of Tlatelolco. He asked whether Argentina would send representatives to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation Conference on October 19 - 21, 1977.
3. President Carter said he would provide the Department of State for onward transmission to the Government of Argentina, a list prepared by a Washington human rights group containing the names of 3,000 individuals being detained in Argentina.
4. Videla said he hoped that the problem of detainees might be resolved by Christmas 1977.
5. In response to President Carter's inquiry whether it might be possible to send representatives of the OAS or UN to confirm human rights progress in Argentina sometime after Christmas, Videla referred to recent visits by USG officials and said such visits are the best way to show that Argentina is not ashamed of its record. Videla said he was not troubled by visits by international human rights commissions which testify to the facts in Argentina.
6. The President and Secretary Vance accepted Videla's invitation for the Secretary to visit Argentina after his trip to Brazil to complete bilateral consultations.

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Peter Tarnoff
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SUBJECT:

Follow-up of the Bilaterals

As discussed by NSC Staff and officials in the Department of State, I am sending Checklists and Follow-up Items which were compiled from the bilateral meetings between the President and Latin American and Caribbean Heads of State. Please follow-up as appropriate, and prepare a status report for the President. This report should be transmitted to the NSC not later than October 20, 1977.

Also please draft letters for possible use by the President to the Heads of State of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. These letters should include references to the status of items discussed between the two Presidents. Please provide drafts of these letters by Monday, October 3, 1977.

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Staff Secretary

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